

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Lasse L. HESSEL et al.

Confirmation No. 7795

Application No.: 10/773,697

Group Art Unit: 3679

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Examiner: J. Hewitt

For: COUPLING FOR COUPLING TWO  
DEVICES AND METHOD FOR USING  
THE COUPLING

Atty. Docket No.: 81421-4037

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for responding to the office action dated November 3, 2006, be extended for a period of two (2) months from February 3, 2007, the date now set, to and including April 3, 2007.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$225 (small entity). Please charge the required fees to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 4/2/07

  
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